

REMARKS

Claims 271-280 are presently pending in the patent application.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

The Applicants submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that, beyond the fee for the RCE, no additional fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000373USD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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